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SUBJECT: TOKYO PRESS ON DEC. 30 - US-JAPAN TRADE TALKS

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS IN TOKYO PRESS OF DEC. 30 TRANSMITTED
FOR INFORMATION OF USG AGENCIES.

2. THE ASAHI CARRIED A PAGE-SEVEN REPORT, WITH THE
CAPTIONS READING: "REPLY TO US TO BE CARRIED OVER TO NEXT
YEAR -- EXPANSION OF FRAMEWORK FOR AGRICULTURAL-PRODUCT
IMPORTS; WAITING FOR DIET MEMBERS TO RETURN FROM US."
THE REPORT SAID IN PART:
"EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTER USHIBA AND AGRICULTURE-
FORESTRY MINISTER NAKAGAWA HELD TALKS ON THE 29TH, AND
DISCUSSED HOW TO PROMOTE THE US-JAPAN ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH HAVE BECOME COMPLICATED. AS A RESULT, THEY REACHED
AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC POLICY OF FORMALLY COMPLYING THE
JAPANESE SIDE'S REPLY TO THE US, EVEN AS EARLY AS THE
BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR, AND OF SETTLING THE PROBLEM
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AFTER WAITING FOR US PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS STRAUSS' VISIT TO JAPAN, WHICH
VISIT IS EXPECTED TO BE REALIZED AROUND THE MIDDLE
OF NEXT JANUARY. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA ALSO AGREED TO
THIS. USHIBA ALSO MET US AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MANSFIELD
ON THE 28TH, AND SOUGHT HIS UNDERSTANDING AS TO THIS
POLICY OF THE JAPANESE SIDE. THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE THUS

EXPECTED TO BECOME FULL-SCALED FROM THE BEGINNING OF
NEXT YEAR....

3. "AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 29TH, MINISTER
FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS USHIBA SAID, "THE TALKS
WITH THE US ARE PROGRESSING, BUT IN REGARD TO THESE
THREE ITEMS, THERE ARE NO PROSPECTS AS TO WHAT THE
VOLUME OF IMPORTS SHOULD BE." FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA
ALSO EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING OUTLOOK: "THE TALKS
WILL BE BOILED DOWN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BY JANUARY 9
WHEN I AM TO LEAVE FOR JAPAN-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS."

4. FOR SUCH REASONS, THE LIKELY POLITICAL SCHEDULE
IN REGARD TO JAPAN-US NEGOTIATIONS IS TO COMPLETE
FORMALLY THE JAPANESE SIDE'S ANSWER EVEN AS EARLY
AS THE START OF NEXT YEAR, DISCUSS THE PARTICULARS
WITH THE US SIDE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, ETC.,
AND MAKE A DECISION AFTER THE VISIT TO JAPAN BY
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS, WHICH IS SCHEDULED
FOR THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY."

5. THE YOMIURI CARRIED A PAGE-SEVEN REPORT, UNDER
THE CAPTION, "DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WOLFF WILL NOT VISIT JAPAN: US STATE DEPARTMENT
SOURCE." THE REPORT SAID AS FOLLOWS:
"WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 29, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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OIKAWA) SETTLEMENT OF THE JAPAN-US TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO NEXT YEAR, WITH NO
CONCRETE PROSPECTS OBTAINED. ON THE 28TH, A US
STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE CLARIFIED THAT THE US
GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLAN TO DISPATCH DEPUTY SPECIAL
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF TO JAPAN EARLY IN
JANUARY, AND THAT ITS POLICY IS TO AIM AT A SETTLE-
MENT AT ONE SHOT THROUGH SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
STRAUSS' VISIT TO JAPAN."
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